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APD's Operation Sting Like a Bee results in several arrests

On Wednesday, February 24, 2010 APD's Central Metro-Response and South Metro-Response, Narcotics teams 2 and 3, Central East District Representatives and Walking Beat, High Tech Crimes, Property Interdiction, Central Bureau Detective, and South Bureau Detective Units executed several search warrants related to a fencing operation related to numerous citywide burglaries.

One of the locations was the Computer Plus at 1717 S. Pleasant Valley where the suspects had been buying and selling stolen property from the Central Metro-Response unit. As the store was being searched officers at the front of the store were contacting and/or detaining subjects. As the subjects were attempting to bring in property to sell the officer were determining whether or not the property might have been stolen.

During the operation, officers received consent to search a vehicle and found several items, including a digital camera. While looking at the camera one of the officers recognized a friend of his. The officer contacted his friend and discovered that his friend's home and several other homes in a south Austin neighborhood had just been burglarized. Officers were then able to link some of the items found in the vehicle to the homes that had just been burgled.

Stolen items recovered during the operation include:

- 17 Rifles and shotguns (mostly antiques)
- 1 antique pistol
- 2 flat screen TV's
- 5 laptops
- 1 Play Station 3
- 1 Bowie Knife
- 2 Tomahawks
- 3 Digital Cameras
- 1 IPOD
- 1 Garmin GPS Device
- 1 Diamond Ring
- Plus other misc stolen items



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Detectives are asking anyone who purchased property off of Craigslist from Ali Nasir or called 903-8500 to purchase property, to call Central East Detective Mike Sanford at 512-974-5913. Victims that have made a police report and would like to add additional information need to contact the detective assigned to their case.

The Austin Police Department would like to thank Target and Apple for providing property during the operation.

Media Advisory: Sgt. Robert Jones and Detective Robin Denton will be available to provide interviews at 2 p.m. today at the South Substation at 404 Ralph Ablanado Dr. Some of the recovered property (antique guns) will be on display.

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